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The Copy of a Letter from Virginia, *Containing the Relation of a Violent* Hurricane, *which hapned the* 27th *of* August *and continued (without intermission) twelve dayes together.*

SIR,

HAving this opportunity, I cannot but acquaint you with the Relation of a very strange Tempest which hath been in these parts (with us called a *Hurricane*) which began *Aug.* 27. and continued with such Violence, that it overturned many Houses, burying in the Ruines much Goods and

many people, beating to the ground such as were any wayes employed in the Fields, blowing many Cattle that were near the Sea or Rivers, into them, whereby unknown numbers have perished, to the great affliction of all people, few having escaped who have not suffered in their persons or Estates, much Corn was blown away, and great quantities of Tobacco have been lost, to the great damage of many, and utter undoing of others. Neither did it end here, but the Trees were torn up by the roots, and in many places whole Woods blown down, so that they cannot go from Plantation to Plantation. The Sea (by the violence of the winds) swelled twelve Foot above its usual height, drowning the whole Country before it, with many of the Inhabitants, their Cattle and Goods, the rest being forced to save themselves in the Mountains neerest adjoyning, where they were forced to remain many dayes together in great want, till the Violence of the Tempest was over, which while it continued, was accompanied with a very violent rain that continued twelve dayes and nights together without ceasing, with that fury, that none were

were able to ſtir from their ſhelters, though almoſt famiſhed for want of Proviſions. The ſhips that were in the Rivers have ſuſtained great damage, but we hope there is none of them loſt. This Tempeſt, for the time, was ſo furious, that it hath made a general Deſolation, overturning many Plantations, ſo that there was nothing that could ſtand its fury. We are now with all the induſtry imaginable, repairing our ſhattered houſes, and gathering together what the Tempeſt hath left us. Although it was not alike Violent in all places, yet there is ſcarce any place in the whole Country where there is not left ſufficient marks of its ruines. By the next ſhips you will hear a particular of all our loſſes.

Such Hurricanes on the Land are ſeldome heard of, but Hurricanes upon the Sea are common in thoſe parts, which are many times very prejudicial and dangerous to the ſhips Trading there. It was by a Hurricane that excellent Commander the Lord *Willoughby* periſhed, with divers others in his Company: By theſe kind of Tempeſts the King of *Spain* hath loſt at ſeveral times near 1000 ſail of ſhips.

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Neither are we without Presidents of great Ruines and Desolations which have been made in other places upon the Land. In the City of *Raguſa* belonging to the *Venetians*, hapned ſo violent an Earthquake, that the City was in a manner buried in its own ruines, with many hundreds of its Inhabitants: And at the ſame time many places belonging to the Turks were viſited with as great Deſolation. In England there have been very great Land-Tempeſts; on the third of *September* One thouſand ſix hundred fifty eight, there was ſo great a Tempeſt, that many houſes were blown down in ſeveral parts of England, Trees torn up by the Roots and laid croſs many Roads, in ſuch great numbers, that Travellers could not paſs till they were removed. And ſuch like Tempeſts have ſince hapned in divers places in England, whereby people have been much damnified, but ſo great a one as this which hath now happened, we have not heard of amongſt us.

The Judgments of God are not alwayes alike, God doth not for every ſmall ſin ſend a great Judgment, but like a loving Father, Firſt he admoniſheth

moniſheth and warneth us of our ſins, and if that will not do, he Correcteth us mildly, but then, if we ſtill perſiſt in our evil way, and ſin as it were in deſpight of God, in deſpight of his warnings and Corrections, then he powreth in his Judgments upon us, if one Judgment will not do, he hath ſtill a greater Judgment in ſtore for us; if we ſtill perſiſt in our evil way, and turn not from our ſins, He will utterly deſtroy us.

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